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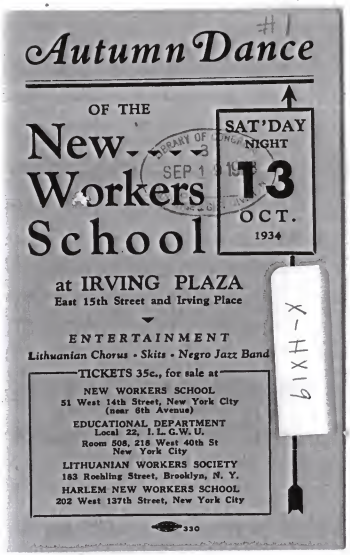
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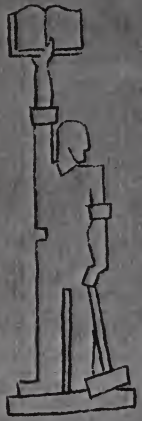

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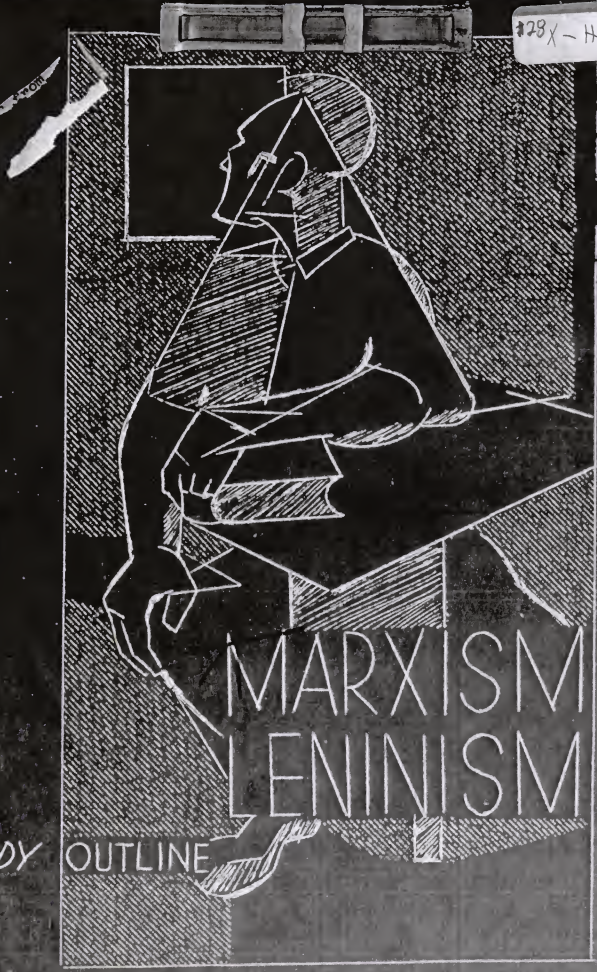

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   a) Ability to work - labor power - only possession of worker.

   b) Source of all capitalist profits - exploitation of working class - appropriation of unpaid labor of wage workers.
      - Difference between value of product produced by workers and what workers receive in wages goes to the capitalist class.

4. Power in country belongs to capitalist class - dictatorship of the capitalist class, regardless of the form of rule.

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2. Leads to anarchy - planlessness - of capitalist production.

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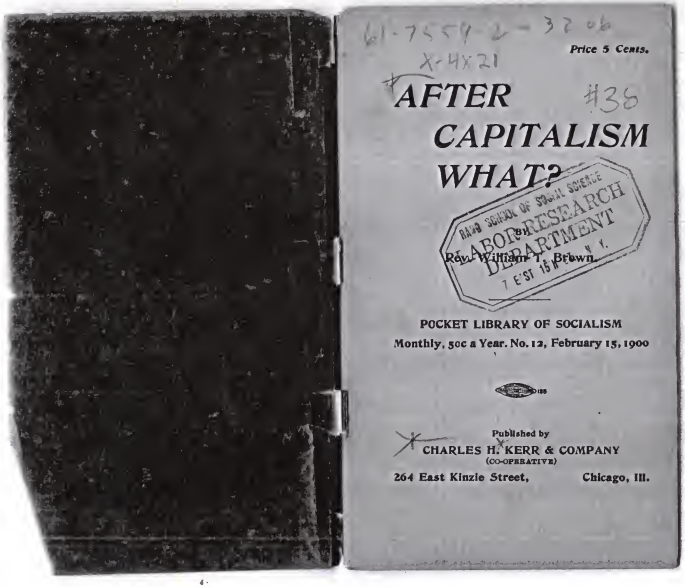

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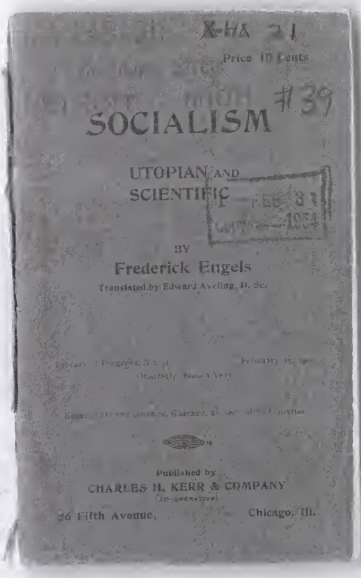
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# WELCOME, COMRADE!

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Dear New Member:

You are now a member of the Communist Party. We welcome you to our ranks! It is our aim to help you in every way possible to become acquainted with how the Communist Party functions, the life of our organization, its aims and purposes. You are our comrade and one of us - so make yourself at home!

In addition to the little pamphlet, "Welcome, Comrade", a copy of which we trust you have already received, this "Educational Outline for New Members" is designed to help you learn about the Party Program. (If you have not received a copy of "Welcome, Comrade", ask your Branch Organizer for same.)

In the larger counties, you have already been assigned to your New Members' Branch. The New Members' Branch will meet regularly every week for a period of eight weeks. At the end of that time, you will be assigned to your regular Branch, either the Party Branch in the neighborhood where you live or to the Party Branch in your industry or Trade Union.

In the outlying counties, where there may be no New Members' Branches, you have already been assigned to your regular branch.

In either case, you will receive every help and cooperation from your comrades.

This Educational Outline will form the basis of the educational discussions in the New Members' Branches and will aid you in studying the program of the Party through self-study at home. Look over this outline at your leisure. You will see that the course covers a great deal of material. It has been planned so as to give you the necessary fundamental picture of the program of the Communist Party and our approach to the problems which face the American working class today. It is based on the rich experiences of the working class the world over, as represented in the writings of our great leaders - Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin, and our American leaders, Foster and Browder.

You will not absorb all of this material immediately. The weekly Branch discussions will help to clarify a great many of these questions. Your own desire to learn will do the rest!

A few suggestions regarding reading are in order: First, try to cultivate a reading "habit". Read the PEOPLE'S WORLD daily. This will keep you informed on the developments in the State and Country. Read the COMMUNIST every month. The COMMUNIST is the official theoretical, political organ of the Communist Party of the United States.

At the end of this outline are listed a number of books and pamphlets which will, in addition to the above reading, round out your knowledge and understanding of the revolutionary movement in our Country.

Do not hesitate to ask questions! Remember that you are now to the Party now, but that you will grow with the Party now that you are part of this great organization.

Yours for a POWERFUL COMMUNIST PARTY IN THE UNITED STATES,

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